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FOLLOWING IS COMPLETE TEXT OF LEAD EDITORIAL, "RAND DAILY MAIL",  
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, ENTITLED " THE FLAW IN THE PM'S ARGUMENT":  
" THERE IS AN ESSENTIAL FLAW IN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER'S  
WEEKEND SPEECH IN WHICH HE ACCUSED THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION OF  
EMBARKING ON A COUSE WHICH WOULD LEAD TO CHAOS AND ANARCHY IN  
SOUTH AFRICA. THE PRESSURES EXERTED BY AMERICA ON SOUTH AFRICA

WOULD HAVE THE SAME RESULT IN SOUTH AFRICA AS A COMMUNIST REVOLUTION,  
HE SAID.

WHAT MR. VORSTER IGNORES IS THAT AMERICA- AND OTHER WESTERN  
NATIONS TOO, FOR THAT MATTER- BELIEVE THAT IT IS THE POLICIES  
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CURRENTLY BEING FOLLOWED IN SOUTH AFRICA WHICH ARE OPENING THE  
WAY TO COMMUNISM. THAT IS WHY THEY ARE EXERTING THEIR PRESSURE  
FOR CHANGE.

THEY BELIEVE THAT THIS GOVERNMENT'S POLICIES RESULT IN MASS DIS-  
SATISFACTION AND UNREST WHICH IN TURN CREATE THE POTENTIAL FOR COM-  
MUNISTS TO MOVE IN. THEY BELIEVE TOO THAT THE TENSIONS GENERATED  
IN THE SUB-CONTINENT BY RACISM PROVIDE WIDE-OPEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR

RUSSIA AND HER SATELLITES TO INTERFERE, THUS GAINING INFLUENCE AND MORE.

INSTEAD, THEREFORE, OF SOUTH AFRICA BEING A BASTION AGAINST COMMUNISM, WE ARE BEING SEEN AS A POSITIVE MENAGE IN ENCOURAGING THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM.

THERE IS NOTHING STRANGE ABOUT AMERICA AND THE WEST HAVING THESE ATTITUDES. MANY SOUTH AFRICANS OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL PARTY HAVE THE IDENTICAL VIEWS.

.4. VORSTER ALSO SAYS THAT WHAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS DOING DOES NOT HAVE THE SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. HERE AGAIN HE GRAVELY MISINTERPRETS THE OPINIONS AND FEELINGS OF PEOPLE ABROAD- AND PARTICULAR THE WHOLE NATURE OF THE AMERICAN DESIRE FOR MORAL CLEANLINESS, IN THE WAKE OF WATERGATE AND VIETNAM. WHICH BROUGHT JIMMEY CARTER TO OFFICE. AMERICA'S INCREASING PUBLIC HOSTILITY TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA IS FULLY IN LINE WITH THAT SWEEP OF FEELING.

AND WHY; BECAUSE SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID, WHATEVER IT IS CALLED, IS KNOWN AND RECOGNIZED FOR WHAT IT IS. AND THE BULK OF AMERICANS, LOKE OTHER PEOPLE IN THE WEST, REACT TO IT WITH REPUNGANCE." BOWDLER

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